

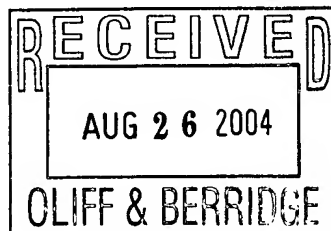


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Application No.: 10/692,731

Filed: October 27, 2003

Docket No.: 117339

For: MAGNETIC HEAD, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, HARD DISK DRIVE, AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC HEAD

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED  
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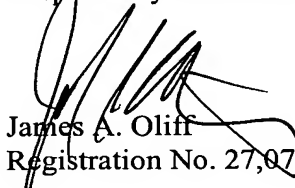
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In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date  
Granted (copy attached) mailed on August 25, submitted herewith are 32 sheets of formal  
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